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Rosenwald Center is officially a "historic place"

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They did it! As of Nov. 21, Rosenwald Recreation Center on Tillman Street is officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places (U.S. National Park Service.)

The center has served as a great recreation center over the years. But education was always at the forefront of its existence.

Here's a little history-all which is recorded in the application for the National Register.

In and around 1929, African American citizens were concerned about the conditions of the McAdams school and decided they needed better accommodation for the children. With hopes of working with the city and county officials to establish better school facilities for the Black children, a few of the African American people of Shelbyville organized clubs to fundraise.

Known as the Rosenwald Clubs, the organizations held monthly meetings beginning in 1929 with a Rosenwald Building Agent from Nashville whose name was Professor Robert E. Clay. Professor Clay was hired by officials of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a philanthropic venture by Sears, Roebuck and Company co-owner Julius Rosenwald to provide funding for African American schools, primarily in the South where education for Blacks was chronically underfunded.

The Rosenwald Fund required that communities raise a portion of the necessary finances needed to build and maintain schools, as well as find suitable land and labor for construction. Over the next few years, Rosenwald Clubs members raised approximately $1,700, including gifts as small as 10 cents, for such a purpose.

In 1936, members purchased two lots of land "for the purpose of establishing a better school facility for colored children," one from Wade Hampton Gosling and one adjoining from Johnson Thompson and wife Lela Thompson, totaling approximately 5 acres of

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Rosenwald Center's Kindergarten Class 1981

Cascade Middle students to complete L.E.A.D.

(Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence) program



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Students in the seventh grade at Cascade Middle School recently completed the 10-week L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence) program. L.E.A.D. is a nationwide nonprofit that works with communities to help students understand the dangers of drugs and violence.

School Counselor at Cascade Middle School, Misty Bennett, was trained by L.E.A.D. to teach the organization's evidence-based curriculum. Over the course of 10 weeks, Mrs. Bennett educated the seventh graders on the risks of drugs and violence and helped them to gain skills surrounding effective communication and conflict resolution, for instance.

"We congratulate the seventh graders in Bedford County on completing our program, and we're proud of all the hard work that they put in to do so," said Nick DeMauro, CEO of L.E.A.D.

"We're confident that Mrs. Bennett has done a fantastic job teaching our proven-effective curriculum to the students," added Mr. DeMauro. "We look forward to seeing how they use their newfound knowledge in the real world following the instruction that they received on why avoiding drugs and violence is crucial as well as how to set goals, manage their emotions and make wise decisions."

L.E.A.D. provides services "On The Street" and "In The Classroom" as it brings law enforcement and communities closer together. The "In The Classroom" program is taught by more than 5,000 trained instructors in 45 states, who are serving more than 500,000 students in 2,500 school systems. L.E.A.D. has a proven-effective, law enforcement-focused anti-drug, anti-violence curriculum for K–12 students in the U.S. The L.E.A.D. curriculum is taught over the course of a 10-week program to educate youth on how they can make smart decisions without the involvement of drugs or violence.

Bennett appreciates that the L.E.A.D. program is designed to encourage student participation.

"The curriculum implemented by L.E.A.D. incorporates games and skits, which motivated the students to get actively involved in each lesson," said Bennett. "The hands-on nature of the program did an excellent job helping the kids to retain the information that was presented to them, rather than it going in one ear and out the other."

"I was able to see how the children have evolved in their thoughts and ideas as evidenced by the questions that they both asked and answered over the course of the curriculum, which makes me extremely proud of them," she added. "Knowing that I've helped the students to gain knowledge that will be useful to them for the rest of their lives is an extremely rewarding feeling."

Getting to watch her relationships with the school children progress from the first to the last class of the program is another aspect that Bennett thinks is rewarding about being a L.E.A.D. instructor.

"It was neat to see the kids open up and come to me more if they needed advice on how to make better choices as the 10-week program went on," she said.

"Something that's been evident to me while teaching the L.E.A.D. program is that when law enforcement and schools work together, students listen," Bennett added. "There's been a positive change in our sixth graders who received the L.E.A.D. curriculum when they were in the fifth grade, and I look forward to seeing that same positive change in our seventh graders."

About L.E.A.D.

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Tidwell hired as Community High School's new football coach

Wealth of knowledge and experience gained



Submitted Photo

Community High School's 2025-26 Head Football Coach will be Glenn Tidwell. From left, with him at home, is his wife Rebecca Tidwell, secondary instructional supervisor for Bedford County schools; daughter and SCHS student Ella; daughter and Cascade Middle School student Addie; and son Stone, a Thomas Magnet School student.

STAFF REPORT

Community High School Principal Robert Ralston announced earlier this week that Glenn Tidwell has been named the new head coach for the school's football program, starting in the 2025-2026 season.

Ralston said that Tidwell comes with "years of experience and knowledge of the game."

Tidwell most recently served as assistant football coach and defensive coordinator for Cascade High School for the 2021 – 2023 seasons.

"We are excited to have Mr. Tidwell as our new coach," said Ralston. "He will begin on day one making relationships with student athletes as we prepare for next fall's season. Mr. Tidwell will likewise be a great addition to the Community High staff. He already has a deep understanding of our community, and we are excited for this opportunity to expand the culture of the football program."

Prior to Cascade, Tidwell was a defensive coordinator for Shelbyville Central High School for two years from 2017-2019 and before that held assistant football coaching positions in Virginia at Warwick High School in 1999 and Woodside High School from 2000-2006.

Tidwell brings head coaching experience from two Virginia high schools - Kecoughtan High School, 2006-2009, and Menchville High School, 2013-2015 - and from Liberty Middle School, 2018-2021.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve as head coach for the Community Vikings," said Tidwell. "It will be my plan to build a successful program that fosters growth in our youth both in the classroom and on the football field."

Tidwell earned his bachelor of science in human performance studies from the University of Alabama and a master's in coaching and Athletics Administration from Concordia University.

While the start date for Tidwell is still being decided, Ralston shared that it is likely he will begin spending afternoons at Community High starting in January.

Ralston also shared that Community High School remains committed to providing a positive and competitive environment for student-athletes.

"We searched for a coach who will no only bring strong leadership and strategic insight to the football program but also a passion for mentoring young athletes both on and off the field. I believe we found that in Coach Tidwell," said Ralston.

For more information about Community High School athletics, please visit https://communityhs.bedfordk12tn.com/.

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land, which were given to the Shelbyville public schools for a new Black school that was agreed to be named after W. H. Gosling.

However, the city and county in a joint venture decided to raze McAdams High School in 1939 and built the Bedford County Training School. They later added a new cafeteria that opened on January 4, 1954.

They did not have need for the funds that was raised and donated, nor did they need the land that was purchased by the Rosenwald Club. In 1945, Rosenwald Clubs Trustees filed suit to recoup their donations and divest title of the lots of land.

After a couple of court appearances with the city of Shelbyville on June 21 and July 20, 1945, and with the funds and the land returned to the Rosenwald Clubs from the City of Shelbyville Public Schools, as ordered and suggested by the courts, the Rosenwald organization decided that they would build a Community Center named the Rosenwald Recreation and Community Building on the purchased land for "the use, benefit, and education of all colored people of Bedford County."

The center ultimately did not receive funding from the Rosenwald Fund, but the name was a fitting tribute to the efforts of the local Rosenwald Clubs who sought to improve schools for Black children.

The Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center Building was built in or around July 1946. While not built for the sole purpose of a school, the center provided early education for children, as well as a variety of activities including tutoring, art classes, family festivals and food distributions. It was also available for rental by the Black community. The center's large lot was used for various outdoor sports, such as baseball and basketball, as well as band practice for students from the nearby Bedford County Training School. There was also a playground with a variety of equipment, such as extant Monkey Bars.

Numerous Shelbyville residents fondly remember the impact the community center had on their lives, particularly those that attended the center's programs as children or used the center's outdoor recreational areas. For them, the Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center was part of their formative years and prepared them for later attendance at Shelbyville's public schools, as well as allowed them to form bonds and friendships, some which last today as some are still part of the Rosenwald community center organization.

Birdie Smith recalled going to the community center when she was a little girl in the 1950s. She remembered weaving a basket and doing all kinds of crafts. She also attended dances.

Rose Peacock also remembered doing arts and crafts at the center during summer break in the late 1950s. There were ping pong tables, horseshoes, croquet, dominoes, basketball, and at the end of the summer break, they had a big luncheon for all the kids, and they would get to take home all the arts and crafts they did.

Through much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, most students in Tennessee did not attend kindergarten. The earliest kindergartens in Tennessee began about 1890 but were private, segregated, and usually located in cities.

Rosenwald Recreation and Community accelerated when Senate Bill 290 of 1917 was passed, allowing school officials to create kindergartens, but by the 1930s most school systems had still not established kindergarten programs.

It was not until 1993 that children were required to attend kindergarten before entering first grade. By that time, 98% of students already voluntarily attended kindergarten.

However, in the 1950s and 1960s, Black students often had few options for early childhood education. The Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center's kindergarten program, therefore, filled a vital need in the community.

Drexal Nelson recalled going to kindergarten at the Community Center from 1958-1960. He said his two teachers were Mrs. Katie Brame and Mrs. Christine Smith. He said his courses were reading, writing, and arithmetic.

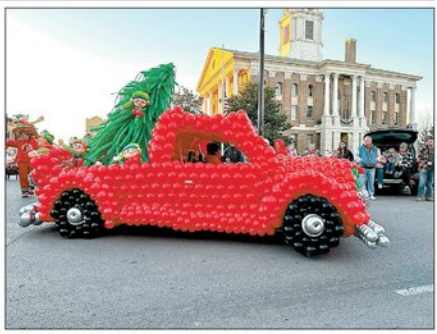
Drexal also remembered getting in trouble during nap time, because he would keep raising his head to see if it was time to go outside to play. There were about 15 children in his class. He said he went to school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and he attended the summer program at the center during summer break also, which was ran by Mrs. Marilyn Massengale and Mrs. Mattie (Thompson) Steward.

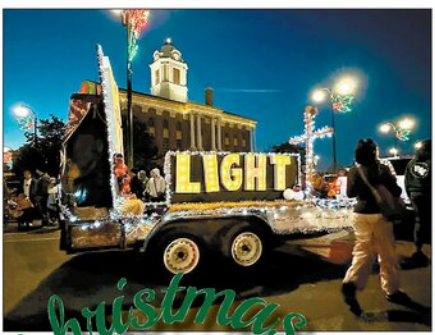
Lendell Massengale Jr. attended kindergarten at the Community Center in 1961. His mother shared a copy of his graduation picture for display at the Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center Building (see photo). Some of the students' names are Lendell Massengale Jr., Shree Blakemore, Martha Tillman, Lawson Tillman, Thomas Holbert, Janet Chunn, Rita Albernathy, Lynn Harvey, Michael Parks, Thomas Tillman, Anderson Buchanan. There are five students whose names are currently unknown.

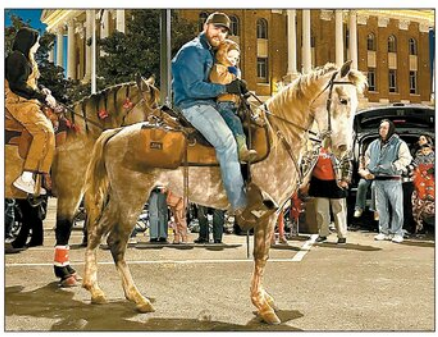
Sheila Batts remembered attending the community center in 1961 and also learned from Mrs. Brame and Mrs. Smith. She said there were about 30 children in her class, though she remembers they would use a foldable partition board to separate the younger kids from the older kids that were getting ready to go to first grade. She said she also remembered they would always do a head count of the children to turn into the nearby Bedford County Training School so that they could get hot lunches.

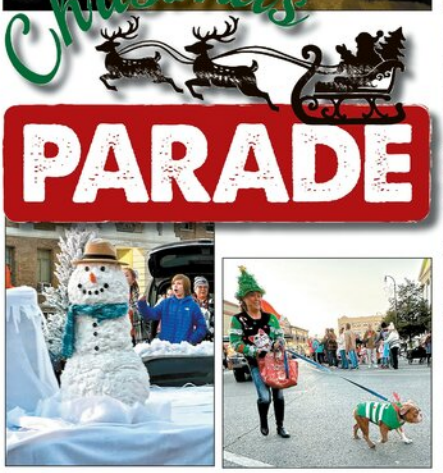
So the little Recreation Center has stood the test of time. We congratulate those patrons of Rosenwald. It's been a long, winding road. But what a ride it's been!













THE ISSUE
Local Development Without Adequate Traffic Space



HOW FAR WILL DEVELOPMENT GO?

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

There's a lot of land in Bedford County, like this beautiful pasturelend in northern Bedford County. Are we coming to a moratorium on housing development? Do adequate roads and highways in this area match up to the populations we're added to new subdivisions?

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In last week's column, I talked about whether we're putting the cart before the horse when it comes to local development. This is City and County.

John Teague, who spoke during the public comment section of the recent City Planning Commission meeting, wanted to clarify this week that he was speaking merely as a local citizen, not as extension agent. We're happy to set the record straight.

Now, we get into discussing what I call part II of local development issues . . . How did we get dumped off the state radar regarding funding, etc., for the proposed 41A North/El Bethel and 64 West bypass?

It was mentioned recently in a meeting that due to the flooding earlier this year in East Tennessee, funds are going to repair that area.

But truthfully, we had this on the radar a long time ago and it has almost become a necessity here too. This by-pass project was promised to help us greatly with traffic from new housing development in growing and high traffic areas here.

Have you driven out in the country lately and looked at all the houses that have been built off 41A and Unionville-Deason Road in particular?

Are you keeping up with how many development applications are coming in at the City and County planning offices? It's massive for this community.

I've been on Highway 41A North several times recently, particularly during the business work time hours. In addition to it being a very crowded two-lane highway, it's also very dangerous. People are driving bumper to bumper (maybe just to be a nuisance. That, I'm not sure.) As well, people are hitting the gas at excess speeds.

Now, if you drive 41A South, frequently, speeding is pretty much a given. Thank you to the TN State Troopers who work that area and City and County officers coming into the limits. But at least it is now a 2-lane and can handle more traffic. For this, commuters are grateful.

But in the bigger scheme of things, we were promised more a few years ago. That's actually an understatement. It's been a long time coming.

I talked briefly with one County Commissioner, John Boutwell, recently. He is always a wealth of information and we appreciate how he presents his information to the public and government officials.

He told the T-G this week, "I think infrastructure and development growth should increase at the same rate. Quality of life is important. Infrastructure needs funded by property tax such as schools should be funded by a growing tax base and not increased taxes on existing property owners."

John was the one tasked with checking on this future by-pass development for the Commission. It was not the best of news.

Below is the letter that was read to the Commission regarding the by-pass project-one which was supposed to have extended from 437 some time ago.

So now, we have to ask, how does this affect local development and funding?

Do we need to put on the brakes and take another really hard look at more indepth traffic studies? Looks like we're kind of on our own here.

Time to make some real decisions about the future.

July 24, 2024

The Honorable Chad D. Graham
Mayor, Bedford County
1 Public Square, Suite 101
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Dear Mayor Graham:

On behalf of Commissioner Butch Eley, thank you for contacting the Tennessee Department of Transportation regarding the SR-437 (Shelbyville Bypass) project.

The SR-437 project is not in TDOT's current 10-year fiscally constrained plan. This means the project is not funded for the next 10 years for construction. The plan can be viewed here: Updated 10-Year Project Plan_21.pdf (tn.gov). There are over 600 projects in development not included in this 10-year project plan due to funding constraints. Tennessee is proud to be one the few states that carries zero debt and pays for our infrastructure improvements within the means of our annual allocation of funding as represented within this plan. TDOT concurs with local communities these projects are good and needed projects, however a change in philosophy at TDOT desires to better communicate with local leaders, showing what revenue is available and which projects are being evaluated for funding. We considered three important aspects in prioritizing the projects:

1. Performance (safety, congestion, economic impact, preservation, and multimodal integration)
2. Delivery (time to deliver, risks)
3. Cost (total cost, state share, benefit-cost)

This data-driven approach promotes objectivity in project selection and investment decisions and encourages a "what gets started, gets finished" culture within our Department. The 10-Year Project Plan will be reevaluated annually as it is a snapshot in time and the landscape may change faster or sooner than we expect today. Projects were (and will continue to be) prioritized through a new evaluation process that reflects a new mindset and philosophy for TDOT that is data-driven and considers a project's performance, delivery, and cost, promoting objectivity in project selection and investment decisions. While this plan will be reevaluated annually, the intent is that the plan will not change unless the priority aspects mentioned above change or funding increased.

We hope this information helps. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance at (615) 350-4300.

Sincerely,

James C. Norris, IV, P.E.
Assistant Chief Engineer

Avoid Holiday Scrooges with Secretary of State's Wise Giving Tips



In the holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," the main character — Ebenezer Scrooge — was a miser who hated Christmas. A visit from three spirits, the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come led to Scrooge's rebirth on Christmas morning, transforming him into a kinder, gentler man.

Unlike Scrooge, Tennesseans don't need a visit from three spirits to remind them about the true meaning of the season. National data suggests we are some of the most generous givers to charitable causes in the nation. This distinction comes with a warning — beware of those with bad intentions who would rather operate like cold-hearted misers, exploiting the goodwill and generosity of others.

Our office strives to help identify these Scrooges through a series of wise giving tips. The goal is to inform and educate consumers to ensure those deciding to give to one of the more than 11,000 active charitable organizations in Tennessee can have the greatest impact with their donation.

Tennesseans should do their research and ensure an entity is registered with the state through our website. They should also say "Bah Humbug!" to anyone pressuring them to give on the spot, ask questions about an organization's mission, and determine who might benefit from a donation, and how much of their gift will support an individual or cause.

If you donate through an app or website, make sure all personal information provided as part of the process goes directly to the organization receiving your donation. Ask whether your contribution is tax-deductible and consider using a check or credit card for record-keeping purposes, instead of giving cash. Lastly, pay close attention to the name of a nonprofit organization. Sometimes these entities have similar names, but that doesn't mean they are associates — like Jacob Marley and Scrooge.

Remember, the Division of Business and Charitable Organizations has the authority to investigate and impose civil penalties against groups that violate the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act. If you have questions or concerns, or you think an entity is not operating in good faith, contact us at 615-741-2555.

Through these wise giving tips, you can treat every day like Christmas morning, give generously, and have a life-changing impact on a neighbor in need through your favorite charitable organization. From all of us in the Tennessee Secretary of State's office, we wish you a joyful holiday season, and to quote the most famous line from "A Christmas Carol" and the character Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone!"



FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FROM TRMT

Bedford County Government Photo

Tennessee Risk Management Trust (TRMT), a member-owned insurance trust which serves public entities in Tennessee, has presented a $2,900 grant to Bedford County Fire Department. The money will be used to add emergency lighting to a truck purchased during the last fiscal year. From left, County Mayor Chad Graham; Fire Chief Mark Thomas; Assistant Fire Chief Brian Cantrell; and Mark Bilyeu of TRMT.

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More Land for Abram

Genesis 13

Abram and Lot separated because the land would not support both families. Abram permitted Lot to inhabit the more fertile land which Lot chose.

Soon the Lord came to Abram and invited him to look to the north, to the south, to the east and to the west. All the land that Abram could see, the Lord gave to Abram and his descendants. The Lord also promised Abram that his descendants would be as the dust of the earth, too many to count.

Next the Lord invited Abram to walk the land. Abram moved his tent to the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron and there he built an altar to the Lord.



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Thirteen County Commissioners finally approve by-laws

By DAWN HANKINS

Following months of discussion within the Rules and Legislative Committee, 13 Bedford County Commissioners have finally approved to adopt their revised by-laws.

A 2/3 majority vote was required for the adoption of the large document. (Vote from the Commission floor: 13 yes, 2 no and 2 pass. Commissioner Tony Smith was absent.)

State officials were asked this year to review the document. Some changes regarding public comment were suggested and added to the language.

Commissioners Linda Yockey and Biff Farrar, tasked with the multiple re-writes, have finally been able to put the document to rest. That is, at least for a year.

The by-laws will have to be reviewed annually, which will assist with not having to go to these lengths again to revise, Commissioners have said. It has been stated that reviews have not been kept up to date over past years.

Though approved, the present by-laws document was still debated somewhat when it came to the floor for vote Tuesday night. The rules committee, chaired by Commissioner Farrar, passed the document on to the Commission which included language regarding the road superintendent (currently Mark Clanton) being required to submit a roads list (i.e., dedications of roads, bridges, etc.) to the Rules committee for review first, before it goes to the full Commission.

Superintendent Clanton was present for that Rules and Legislative meeting and there was discussion between him and the committee.

So an amendment to the by-laws, pertaining to the roads list language, was presented Tuesday night by Commissioner Greg Vick. That amendment, read to Commissioners by Clerk Donna Thomas, was drafted essentially to strike such road language.

Commissioner Vick, who sits on the rules committee, said Tuesday night that according to state statute, the road superintendent is an elected official which gives him state authority over county roads. Therefore, he should not be obligated in the by-laws to provide any such roads list, etc., to the Rules Committee. Instead he is to have it drafted, in conjunction with the 911 director, and officially approved by the full Commission.

Commissioner Eric Maddox asked for clarification on the amendment.

Vick responded by referring to the document's preamble which basically states that state and national laws always supersede County laws. He referred to the "Dillon Rule" which states that the Commission only can act by the power given to them by state statute.

The Dillon Rule (also sometimes referred to as "Dillon's Rule") limits governing bodies to exercising only those zoning and other powers expressly granted by the General Assembly, powers necessarily or fairly implied from the express powers, and powers that are essential and indispensable.

Vick advised that County Attorney John T. Bobo and County Technical Assistance (CTAS) members do concur with staying in state statute.

Vick said he agrees with Commissioner Farrar and that the Rules Committee should have time to discuss such lists. But Commissioner Vick said he hoped that the Commission would be in agreement to keep the County in proper compliance with state statute.

Reason being, he said funding can be at risk for not obeying the law.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Drew Hooker asked that the clerk re-read the amendment for further clarification. Following the clerk's second read, Hooker asked for further clarification on what the process is now for getting road lists onto the Commission agenda, because the Rules Committee has generally been the right location as it sets the agenda draft.

Vick clarified again that the roads list will go directly from the road superintendent to full Commission.

Hooker said the language was fine. "But again, I think the process . . . arguing about the process of which committee it comes through is really, to me, a tad bit childish."

"I couldn't agree with you more," said Vick, "but we're just trying to comply with the statute."

Commissioners Farrar and Diane Neeley passed on the vote to adopt the by-laws with the roads list amendment attached. Voting not to adopt as presented were Commissioners Drew Hooker and Anita Epperson, a member of the rules committee.

"But it needs to be hallelujah we passed all of the by-laws," said Commissioner Yockey, requesting a revised copy of the by-laws now be given to all commissioners.

Mayor Chad Graham agreed and said that a clean document, as approved by the 13, will be made available to Commissioners.



DISCUSSING BY-LAWS

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Commissioner Greg Vick discussed a state statute pertaining to the authority of the County road superintendent, an elected official, during Tuesday night's County Commission meeting. Commissioner Drew Hooker had a few comments to make about the amendment added to the by-laws.

CELEBRATING A 'VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS' IN NORMANDY

Photos by Rhonda Comstock

The Town of Normandy held its 2nd annual "A Very Normandy Christmas" marketplace and tree lighting last Saturday evening on the town square. Santa was among visitors. A special parade culminated the event.











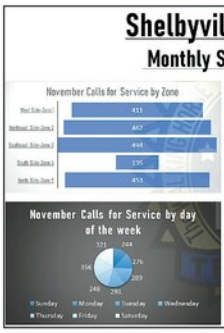



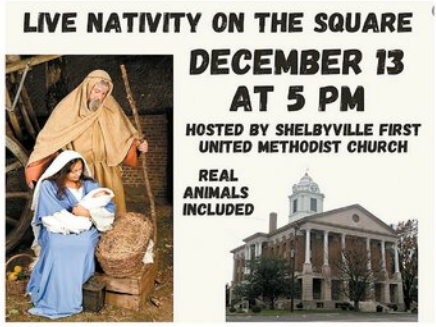

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CLUES ACROSS

1) Stairs alternatives
6) Min. fractions
10) Trojan horse, e.g.
14) Discharge through the pores
15) College exam type
16) English novelist Bagnold
17) Stumble
20) Marching together
21) Landscape architect's creation
22) Pore in a leaf
25) Carried
26) Impulsive passion
30) Monastery man
32) Cloth used in adhesive pads
35) Long Island county
41) Suit request
43) Artemis' twin
44) Battery terminals
45) Lip lotion
47) Reverse, e.g.
48) Approximately, as a date
53) Brownish photo tint
56) Fictional airline on "Lost"
58) Least active
63) Important military system
66) Gentle as a lamb
67) Sheepshank, for one
68) Provide, as with some quality
69) Word with "liberal" or "martial"
70) Athenian collonade
71) Smoothing tools

CLUES DOWN

1) "Do___ fa ... "
2) Opposed to, to Pappy Yokum
3) Awful state
4) "Hey, over here!"
5) Eyelid problems
6) Former French penny
7) Miss the turnoff, e.g.
8) Beach robe
9) ____ gin fizz
10) Old-fashioned, in a fashionable way
11) An Eastern Christian
12) As of
13) Barely defeated
18) Withdraw (with "out")
19) Plate scraping
23) Bypass
24) Mr. Peanut feature
26) Mrs. Peel of "The Avengers"
27) Aerial maneuver
28) Certain singing voice
29) Astronaut Armstrong
31) Create a sweater
33) Spanish sun
34) Door feature
36) Bit of air pollution
37) EPA concern
38) Sunny-____ up
39) Aboard a ship
40) Now, it's just Russia
42) Moist
46) Trip up a mountain
48) Semicolon's cousin
49) More slippery
50) Change, as a clock
51) Big wine holders
52) "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" boy
54) Roman trio
55) Calculator, at times
57) Varieties
59) Legendary Turner
60) Borderlines
61) Atlantic fish
62) Caddie's bagful
64) Baby's word
65) Hagen of the stage

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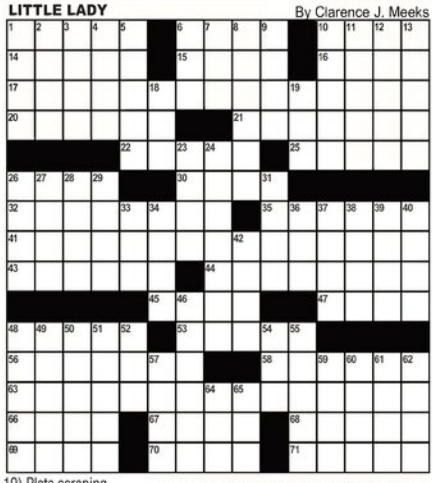

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

SUDOKU

Here is how it works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, a special person in your life deserves all of your attention. Romance might be on your mind, and you'll look forward to all of the time you can spend together.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You may feel artistically inspired this week, Taurus. Explore projects like home improvements or crafting. There are many things to try.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Your attendance at a wedding or another special event could have your thoughts moving in a romantic direction, Gemini. Maybe you're thinking of taking your relationship to another level?

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, forge ahead in your efforts if you aspire to learn a new skill or take on a different project. This might involve meeting new and interesting people. Expand your social network.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, it is important to put others first this week, particularly your spouse or romantic partner. You don't want any hurt feelings circulating right now.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
An unexpected visitor might come your way in the next few days, Virgo. This could require overhauling your schedule and even space in your home to make room.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Family and friends will have a difficult time changing your mind once you have taken a stance, Libra. You have dug in your heels on this topic.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, new work assignments or additional business may complicate matters in the days ahead. That can be great during times of year when spending can get out of control.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
As you prepare for the colder temperatures, holistic arts, acupuncture, herbs, and therapies might be on your mind, Sagittarius. You don't want to be sick this go-around.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you will try to meet the demands of your need for information this week. Chances are you'll be reading the newspaper and news outlets as much as you can.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You cannot gain traction right now, Aquarius. Perhaps you haven't met the right people yet? Keep your eyes and ears open for new opportunities.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if a career change has been on your mind, the new year might be a chance to get those gears moving in the right direction.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 15
Adam Brody, Actor (45)
DECEMBER 16
Krysten Ritter, Actress (43)
DECEMBER 17
Pope Francis, Religious Leader (88)
DECEMBER 18
Christina Aguilera, Singer (44)
DECEMBER 19
Alyssa Milano, Actress (52)
DECEMBER 20
Jonah Hill, Actor (41)
DECEMBER 21
Ray Romano, Comic/Actor (67)

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.

File date: December 3

Seller, Hollis Eugene Sanders; Buyer, Jessica Sanders, Joshua Sanders; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 106 Meadowbrook Dr; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Juli Beaty McElroy, Heath McElroy; Price, $354,900 (Deed).

File date: December 4

Location: 328 Cessna Ln; Seller, Felicia Wells; Buyer, Kevin M Overcast; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 328 Cessna Ln; Seller, Kevin Overcast, Ashley Overcast; Buyer, Dominic Loren Edward Wolfer, Revecca Lynn Wolfer; Price, $360,000 (Deed).

Seller, Kenneth Wayne Holden Jr, Shelly Marie Holden; Buyer, Kenneth Wright, Tamara Wright; Price, $289,900 (Deed).

Location: 106 Main St Bell Buckle; Seller, Cynthia Brewer, Bruce Thompson Jr, Sybil Thompson Bowen; Buyer, David G Bradford; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: 116 Butler Ace; Seller, Madison Madden, Kay Madden, Kay Foster Madden; Buyer, Michael L Madden; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Carol F Manes; Buyer, David Rill, Lori Rill; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Location: Earnhart St; Seller, Rural Development Group Inc; Buyer, Greg Curl, Lisa Curl; Price, $20,000 (Deed).

Location: El Bethel Rd; Seller, Ruben Soto; Buyer, Jose Ignacio Antonio Carrasco, Beatrice Isabel Lechuga; Price, $55,000 (Deed).

File date: December 5

Location: Union Ridge Rd; Seller, Joshua Thigpen; Buyer, Jason Dombirowsky, Jennifer Dombirowsky, Dale A Dombirowsky; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: Roscoe Rd; Seller, William Gary Reeves, Tamara Sue Reeves; Buyer, Justin Kidder, Carli Kidder; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

Location: Beechgrove TN; Seller, Debbie Hallums; Buyer, Concho Olvera, Armando Overa Aarreola; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, PMST General Partnership; Buyer, Suite 1035 LLC; Price, $800,000 (Deed).

Seller, Joseph A Silacci, Lynette Hickox, Lynette Hickox Silacci; Buyer, Joseph A Silacci, Lynette Silacci, Silacci Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 9

Seller, Heritage Land Venture III LLC; Buyer, SDH Nashville LLC; Price, $324,000 (Deed).

Location: 100 Saddlewood Dr; Seller, Audrey D Douglas, Johnathan Douglas Pate; Buyer, Johnathan Doublas Pate, Audrey Douglas Pate; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 229 Barton Dr Normandy; Seller, Floyd Lapointe Jr; Buyer, Mitchel King, Payton Courtmanche; Price, $415,000 (Deed).

Location: 115 Baker St; Seller, James W Lewis; Buyer, KFS Maximus LLC; Price, $218,682.71 (Deed).

Seller, Robert Todd, Kristi Todd; Buyer, Levi Todd; Price, $67,466.18 (Deed).

Location: Union Ridge Rd Wartrace; Seller, 24 Wartrace 74 LLC; Buyer, Daniel Fontaine, Bobbie Jo Fontaine; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Marikay Taylor Tillett; Buyer, James Lewis; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 10, 2025 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MARK E. MASHE AND PENNY E. MASHE, to John B. Philip, Esq., Trustee, on December 20, 2006, at Record Book TD650, Page 347-362 as Instrument No. 07000809 in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-3

The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Twenty-third (23rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

PROCEEDING from a metal pin on the North margin of Tennessee Highway 130 East 50.02 feet East, measured along the margin from the Southeast corner of the Thomas A. Franklin property (Deed Book 140 Page 559) ;

THENCE leaving the margin of the road North 0 degrees 36 minutes, East 203.94 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 3 degrees 23 minutes, West 430.95 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 33 degrees 34 minutes, West 30.25 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 35 degrees 06 minutes, West 187.95 feet to a metal pin, Southwest corner and true point of beginning of the herein described tract;

THENCE North 37 degrees 23 minutes, West 205.34 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 3 degrees 23 minutes, West 389.90 feet to a metal pin at the base of a 60 inch oak at fence corner in the South line of the Bert Cathey property, the Northwest corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE with Cathey South 87 degrees 54 minutes, East 373.91 feet to a 12 inch sassafras at fence corner;

THENCE South 16 degrees 54 minutes, East 500.56 feet to a point, the Northeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE South 80 degrees 52 minutes, West 376.32 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.00 acres, according to survey description of Rex Northcutt, Registered Land Surveyor, Tennessee License No. 77, 117 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, dated March 10, 1992.

The above herein described tract is conveyed with a 50 foot easement for ingress and egress (30 feet at center) and for utilities (10 feet on the sides) said easement being described as follows: Beginning at a metal pin on the north margin of Tennessee Highway 130 East 50.02 feet east, measured along the margin from the southeast corner of the Thomas A. Franklin property (Deed Book 140, page 559); thence leaving the margin of the road north 0 degrees 36 minutes east 203.94 feet to a metal pin; then north 3 degrees 23 minutes west430.95 feet to a metal pin; thence north 33 degrees 34 minutes west 30.25 feet to a metal pin; thence north 35 degrees 06 minutes west 187.95 feet to a metal pin; thence north 37 degrees 23 minutes west 205.34 feet to a metal pin; thence north 3 degrees 23 minutes west 389.90 feet to a metal pin at the base of a 60 inch oak at fence corner in the south line of the Bert Cathey property at the northwest corner of the herein described tract, said easement being approximately 50 feet in width along the west side of the above-described line.

PARCEL NO. 112-029.01

Tax ID: 112-029.01-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: MARK E. MASHE AND PENNY E. MASHE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 2827 Highway 130 E, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ESTATE OF PENNY E. MASHE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PENNY E. MASHE

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the foregoing will not affect any rights of the Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 24-000253-505-1

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)

Cool Springs III

725 Cool Springs Blvd, Suite 140

Franklin, TN 37067

TN INVESTORS PAGE: HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP (1253tc)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2017, executed by WILLIAM R HOFFMAN, JR. and TRICIA L VAN NATTA conveying certain real property therein described to J. TRENT LEHMAN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded July 6, 2017, in Deed Book TD884, Page 152; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on January 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING LOT NO. 3 ON THE PLAN OF COVERED BRIDGE ESTATES, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN CABINET A, ENVELOPE 158, AS REVISED IN CABINET A, ENVELOPE 269, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAN REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN BY DEED OF RECORD IN BOOK D338, PAGE 733, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 020N-A-003.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 790 HAPPY VALLEY RD, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): WILLIAM R HOFFMAN, JR., TRICIA L VAN NATTA

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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The benefits of home security cameras

Homeowners go to great lengths to make their properties comfortable places to call home. Whether it's new interior furnishings or renovated outdoor living areas or the installation of various smart home technologies, there's no shortage of ways to upgrade a home with comfort in mind.

When homeowners renovate a home in an effort to make spaces more relaxing and welcoming, it's important they recognize the relationship between comfort and safety. A home is only as comfortable as it is safe, as residents might struggle to relax if they're concerned about their safety. Security cameras can help quell such concerns, which is one of a handful of reasons homeowners should consider these increasingly popular safety features for their homes.

· Security cameras can help to deter criminals. Property crimes may not garner the same level of news coverage as violent crimes, but a recent report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated that there were still nearly 900,000 burglary offenses in the United States in 2022. That figure represents a decline of more than 50 percent since 2012, when FBI data indicates more than 1.8 million such offenses were committed. A host of variables undoubtedly contributed to that decline, and the greater availability and increased affordability of security cameras has made it easier than ever for homeowners to make their homes less appealing to prospective burglars.

· Security cameras may help to lower insurance premiums. Exterior security cameras can help individuals lower the cost of their homeowners insurance policies. The extent of those savings may depend on the type of cameras homeowners install and whether or not the cameras are integrated into a whole-home security system. The Insurance Information Institute notes that whole home security systems can save homeowners anywhere from 2 to 15 percent on their homeowners insurance policies. More advanced systems, such as those which feature alarms and exterior cameras, can earn homeowners greater savings on their policies.

· Security cameras provide peace of mind while traveling. Modern security camera systems now provide remote access through smartphone apps. That can give homeowners peace of mind when traveling, as they can monitor their properties when they're away from home and potentially alert local authorities if they notice anything suspicious on their remote feeds.

· Security cameras can give parents peace of mind. Much like security cameras help travelers keep an eye on their property while they're away, parents also may find that access to real-time video footage of their homes can calm their nerves when children are in the house. Parents can utilize cameras to keep tabs on youngsters playing in the yard and monitor feeds to see what older kids are up to while Mom and Dad are at work or away from the home for other reasons.

Home security cameras are a worthwhile investment that can save homeowners money and provide peace of mind that they're doing everything possible to make their homes comfortable, safe spaces to live.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Shelbyville Building, Codes and Planning Department, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN.

Full Agenda will be posted on the City of Shelbyville Website 48 hours prior to the meeting: www.meeting.shelbyvilletn.org. Please call City Hall with any questions or concerns.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

City of Shelbyville
Mayor & City Council & Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewerage System Board
Special Called Study Session
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Time: 12:00 PM
Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road

I. Call to Order – Mayor Randy Carroll
II. Public Comments
III. Discussion of Charter Language concerning Shelbyville Power Water & Sewerage System Board

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BRENDA WEST
Petitioner,
VS
SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER
Respondent CASE NO. 2019-JV-412

TO: SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER

Order of Publication

It appearing from the from the bill in this cause, which is the Last known residence and current address of the above listed defendants, SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER, are unknown and cannot be served with process, It is ordered that publication be made for four weeks in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette a newspaper published in BEDFORD COUNTY, TN requiring the said defendants, SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER To appear before the clerk of said Court on or before thirty days after the last Publication hereof and make defense to the bill filed in the above cause, which seeks Dependency and Neglect and Custody or otherwise said bill will be taken for confessed and cause proceeded with exparte. This the 6TH day of December, 2024.

Solicitors for Plaintiff: HUNTER FOWLER (1212410tc)

Board of Mayor and Aldermen
December 18, 2024
Special Called Meeting at 5:00pm.
NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Tank Cleaning and Presentation by USG Water Solutions

2. Ordinance 2024-009: First reading of Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code for the Town of Wartrace Title 18 "Water and Sewers" to provide for adoption of all water system rates and fees within the Municipal Code.

All meetings are open to the public.

Robert "Bob" Cory Bryar



Robert "Bob" Cory Bryar, age 44, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2024.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Bob was born, December 31, 1979, in La Grange, IL, to Robert and Nancy Terill Morgan Bryar. He was formerly the drummer for the band My Chemical Romance.

Survivors include his mother, Nancy Bryar of Darien, IL.

Donations may be made to the Humane Society of the United States and ASPCA.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Mary Carolyn Hart



Mary Carolyn Hart, 73, of Shelbyville, died December 4, 2024 at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born January 6, 1951 in Nashville, TN. to the late Carl and Ealen Farley Staton.

Mary was a retired sales representative for National Pen and Pencil Company. She loved her family and loved going to flea markets and antique shops.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, John Larry Hart of Shelbyville and a brother, Jerry Lee Staton of Murfreesboro.

Per her request she will be cremated. No services are scheduled. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Sue Thompson Pylant Lee



Sue Thompson Pylant Lee, age 90, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro after an extended illness with loved ones by her side.

Born January 27, 1934, Mrs. Sue was a native of Shelbyville. She was the daughter of the late Cecil R. Thompson and Pearl Hoover Thompson. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husbands, William Pylant and M.L. Lee; son, Wendell Pylant; siblings, Margie Snelling, Rena Geary, Lily Moore, Dorothy J. Thompson, Cecil Thompson, Jr., Barbara Allison, Gale Thompson, and Mae Williams.

Mrs. Sue was a seamstress by trade for most of her life. She worked for many years with Fly's Manufacturing as a seamstress. After Fly's closed, she went back to school to finish her formal education by completing and gaining her GED at age 54. She then would go on to work at the Shelbyville Times-Gazette and retired after 15+ years of employment. Outside of work she could always be found at home either sewing for family members and friends or reading a Danielle Steele novel or historical fiction piece.

She was an active longtime member of North Fork Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Michele Mullaney; grandchildren, Adam Pylant and wife Amanda, Brianna Jones and husband Jeremy, McKenzie McDaniel and husband Austin, Sean Mullaney, Julia Morton and significant other Brad Presley, and Josh Pylant and wife Chelsey along with many great grandchildren. Survivors also include; brothers, Carl Thompson, and David Thompson, and many nephews/nieces and great nephew/ great nieces.

Funeral services were held 2:00 PM Sunday, December 8, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Rob McKamey officiating. Burial followed at New Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation with the family was held prior to funeral services on Sunday, at the funeral home beginning at 12 PM noon.

Memorial donations may be made to Alive Hospice @ www.alivehospice.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

James Owen Coop



On December 5, 2024, James Owen Coop of Tullahoma passed away at the age of 78.

James was born to the late Guss M. Coop and Ola Mae Clark Coop, on September 4, 1946, in Shelbyville. He was a 1964 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from MTSU. James served three years in the Navy and was in Vietnam aboard river patrol boats. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. James was an associate director of Highland Rim School and was an administrator for the Department of Children's Services. During his retirement years, he enjoyed fishing and attending University of Tennessee football games. James was a member of First Baptist Church in Tullahoma.

James is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sarah McIntosh Coop of Tullahoma; son, Scott (Beth) Coop of Franklin; daughter, Elizabeth Coop of Thompson's Station; two beloved grandsons, Clayton and Carson. He is also survived by his sister, Martha Coop Collier (James deceased) of Shelbyville; nieces, Christy (Keith) Smith of Unionville, and Kelly (Keith) Scott of Murfreesboro. A graveside service with Military Honors was held on Monday, December 9th, 2024 at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Kilgore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Loyd Ransom Shelton



Loyd Ransom Shelton passed away on December 3, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 93. Loyd was born in Bedford County, Tennessee on December 4, 1930, to Elizabeth Vera and John Bartley Shelton.

In the mid-1960s, the Sheltons relocated to Tennessee, Loyd's childhood home. There, Kathleen gave birth to John, their fourth child. Over the next 50 years, Loyd honed his gifts of preaching and teaching.

He taught school in Coffee County, Franklin County, Cornersville (Marshall County), and Beech Hill (Giles County) and pastored churches in Bunker Hill, Shelbyville, and Tullahoma. His home was always open (and often full). His phone was often busy.

He made himself available to anyone and everyone who needed him. His specialties were listening and loving.

Someone once described Loyd and Kathleen's home as a "hospital." In many ways, it was: people went there to rest, recover, and heal. You could always count on a good meal and a bed, if you needed one. The house was full of love, laughter, faith, and peace. You could find it as soon as you walked in the door.

In their twilight years, Loyd and Kathleen returned to South Carolina, just a few miles from Columbia, where they'd started out years before. Even though he was no longer "officially" pastoring, he continued to love, teach, and minister to people as long as he had breath.

Loyd was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vera Shelton, and his beloved wife, Kathleen. He is survived by his four children, Stephen Shelton of Newton, North Carolina; Paul (Dorothy) Shelton of Petersburg, Illinois; Lydia (Juergen) Beck of Decatur, Alabama; and John Shelton of Irmo, South Carolina. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Isaac Shelton, Logan Shelton, Taylor Shelton, Grace Shelton, and Rachel (Ken) Castro. The family would also like to express their deepest appreciation to Loyd and Kathleen's caregiver, Rachel Troutwine.

The funeral will be 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 15, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home in Shelbyville. Burial will follow in Holland Hill Cemetery in Coffee County. The family will receive friends from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. A memorial service will also be held in South Carolina at a later date.

The family would request that donations be made in Loyd's memory to Gideons International at gideons.org/donate or at PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jeremey Dale Wood



Jeremey Dale Wood, age 44, of Estill Springs, passed away on December 7, 2024, at Vanderbilt-Harton Hospital in Tullahoma. He was born on April 15, 1980, to Roger Wood and Sherrie Pruitt Willams in Hohenwald. Jeremey previously worked in the IT Department of Nissan for over 20 years, and most recently was one of the inventors and entrepreneurs of Huckleberry Digital. Jeremey dedicated countless hours to mastering games, sharing strategies, and creating an inclusive online community. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend, his passion for hockey was only matched by his love for his family. His warmth, kindness, and infectious personality will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. He is preceded in death by his mother, Sherrie Williams; brother-in-law, Curt Alsup. He is survived by his loving wife of 4 years, Cortney Wood; children, Alex and Eli Wood; parents, Roger Wood (Sharon) and John Williams; siblings, Will Joyce (Andy), Tommy Joyce (Kim), Tina Jones (Dave), Roger Wood II, Angie Alsup, Melissa Hopkins (Barry), Tammy Rash (Steve), Anita Peoples (Duane), and Brian Logan (Katie); and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. Visitation with the family was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Bro. Bruce Gifford officiating. Internment will immediately follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia.

Ronnie Maupin



Ronnie Maupin, age 77, of Eagleville, died on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at his home. He was a native of Williamson County and a son of the late L T Maupin and Era Mae Beard Maupin. Mr. Maupin was a machine operator for the Williamson County Highway Department and of the Methodist faith. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a graduate of Bethesda High School in the Class of 1965.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Cheri Lynn Maupin.

Ronnie loved fishing and hunting. He enjoyed all sports and critiquing the officials. He participated in many field trials for quail hunting. Most of all, he loved his family and enjoyed life with them.

Mr. Maupin is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Lynn Maupin of Eagleville, TN; children, Troy (Lisa) Maupin of the Bover community, Billy Hartley of Shelbyville, Eddie (Jeri) Hartley of the Peytonsville community; 2 grandchildren, Chase and Jared Maupin; sister, Linda Williams of Hendersonville; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 PM until 6 PM on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Lawrence Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will be conducted at 6 PM on Friday, December 13, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Smith officiating.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, (931) 364-2233, is in charge of arrangements.

Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh announces $19.9 million to expand local broadband and digital opportunities

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh, R-Shelbyville, announced $19,867,316 in grant funding has been awarded to expand broadband and digital opportunities in Bedford, Lincoln and Moore Counties.

The counties will receive five separate grants as part of $101.6 million in overall funding administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD). This investment will provide broadband access and digital opportunity programs to more than 97,000 Tennesseans across 75 counties.

"Broadband access provides valuable educational and employment opportunities for our citizens, and I'm excited to see it expanding into our rural communities," Marsh said. "I'm grateful for TNECD's significant investment in our community, which will help residents build better lives for their families."

Local grant recipients include:

Spectrum Southeast: $12,466,143 to facilitate high-speed broadband access and increase deployment of broadband in Moore and three other counties through the Last Mile program.

Ben Lomand Communications: $4,671,173 to facilitate high-speed broadband access and increase deployment of broadband in Moore County through the Last Mile program.

Giles County of Tennessee: $2,000,000 to construct and improve digital access in Lincoln and three other counties through the Connected Community Facilities (CCF) program.

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library: $630,000 to construct and improve digital access in Bedford County through the CCF program.

Bedford County Government: $100,000 to expand digital skills training and broadband infrastructure through the Broadband Ready Communities program

Grantees across all programs are investing approximately $25.1 million in matching funds and will complete their projects by Dec. 31, 2026, according to TNECD.

The TNECD created four grant programs to promote broadband opportunity and high-paying digital jobs. District 62 will receive grants from three of them: Last Mile, Connected Community Facilities (CCF) and Broadband Ready Communities (BRC).

The Last Mile grant program assists internet service providers with facilitating high-speed broadband access and increasing deployment and adoption of broadband in underserved areas of the Volunteer State.

CCF grant funds will be used to facilitate digital opportunity by construction or renovation of spaces that offer services for digital advancement in workforce, healthcare and education.

The BRC grant program supports community-based digital skills training, public Wi-Fi projects, distribution of free or low-cost devices and marketing for low-cost internet plans.

In total, TNECD has invested $815.6 million to expand the state's broadband infrastructure and digital opportunity initiatives, connecting more than 700,000 Tennesseans across 280,000 residential and business locations.

Pat Marsh represents District 62 which includes Bedford, Moore and part of Lincoln Counties.

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RICHARDSON MEDIA COOKS:

It just wouldn't be CHRISTMAS without COOKIES!

By DAWN HANKINS

For many years, Lynchburg FCE has hosted the cookie swap during Christmas in Lynchburg. While we couldn't duplicate the huge bag of cookies we made off with last Saturday for just $7, here's a recipe for Fresh Ginger Cookies that we're sure everyone will love this season!

Sweet treats are a favorite food, especially when they have a unique or unusual twist that makes them stand out from the crowd. When a dessert isn't the classic chocolate or vanilla flavor, it can pique eaters' interest.

Cupcakes, macaroons and even pies have some intense flavors, however, it's hard to top the delightful taste of these Fresh Ginger Cookies.

They are sweet and sugary with the perfect amount of ginger. Baked until golden brown, this dessert is a showstopper for family events and celebrations alike. Even the little ones will love to munch on this sweet treat with fresh, appealing flavor.

In a mixing bowl, mix flour, baking soda, ground ginger, ground cinnamon and salt until combined.

In a separate bowl, add butter, sugar and brown sugar then beat until fluffy. Add an egg and fresh ginger then beat the mixture again. Gradually add dry ingredients to this mixture until combined.

In a small bowl, add sugar. With a spoon, scoop out a small portion of dough and roll it into a small ball before rolling in sugar.

Repeat with the remaining dough then arrange balls on a cookie sheet and bake for 14 minutes until golden brown. Make sure your little ones wait to enjoy until the cookies have cooled completely.

From parties to picnics, these cookies can be a hit. They are simple to make, don't take much time to bake and are unique enough to bring along to nearly any occasion. With ground and fresh ginger, these cookies are equally as appetizing as they are satisfying and sure to turn heads in the kitchen.





T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Platters and platters of cookies could be found at the annual FCE cookie swap in Lynchburg last weekend.





Lynchburg seniors hosted a craft fair in the basement of the county building last Saturday.

Fresh Ginger Cookies

Servings: 24

2	cups flour
1 1/2	teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2	teaspoons ground ginger
1	teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8	teaspoon salt
3/4	cup salted butter, softened
1	cup, plus 3 tablespoons, sugar, divided
1/4	cup brown sugar
1	egg
1/4	cup grated fresh ginger

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, ground ginger, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.

In stand mixer, beat butter, 1 cup sugar and brown sugar until fluffy. Add egg and fresh ginger; beat until combined. Gradually add dry ingredients to mixer until combined.

In small bowl, add remaining sugar. Using spoon, portion out dough, roll into balls then roll in sugar. Arrange balls on baking sheet at least 1 inch apart.

Bake 14 minutes, or until edges are golden brown. Transfer cookies to cooling rack and cool completely.



Dear Santa Letters

Submit your "Santa Letters" for printing to the T-G by Tuesday, Dec. 17, to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net. A small photo of the child may be included for a $5 fee. Please mail fee to: Shelbyville Times-Gazette. PO Box 380, Shelbyville, TN 37162 or stop by our office at 411 Elm St.

Community Calendar

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Join Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a Christmas Cantata: Christmas Praise 2024. It will be a morning of joyous song and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. The FUMC talented choir has prepared a selection of traditional carols and contemporary Christmas songs that are sure to fill your heart with the spirit of the season. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend, the church offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

FINAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Lowery Jewelers on North Main Street will have its final Christmas open house on Friday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Billy and Sharon are retiring from their business.

VFW BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA and MRS. CLAUS. Bring your camera and take a picture of your children with Santa! Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and it's Auxiliary, will host its 2nd Saturday of the month FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Great company, INCLUDING SANTA, and great home-cooked food. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call Alex at 615/513-7959.

BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEC. SCHEDULE

- Dec. 17: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., followed by the Rules and Legislative Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Courthouse and County Property Committee, historic Bedford County Courthouse. (The Financial Management Committee meeting is a week early and at a different location due to the holiday.)
- Dec. 23-26: Highway Department offices closed for Christmas
- Dec. 24-26: County government offices closed for Christmas
- Dec. 24-26: County convenience centers closed for Christmas
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Highway Department offices closed for New Year's
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: County government offices closed for New Year's
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: County convenience centers closed for New Year's

PUZZLE SOLUTION

LITTLE LADY — By Clarence J. Meeks

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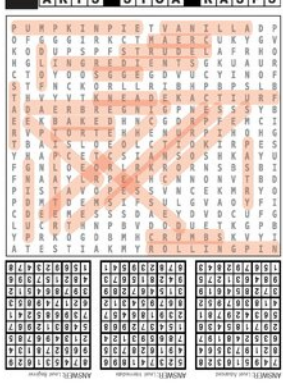

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Golden Eagles Fall At Centennial by 21

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FRANKLIN, TN – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles faltered in the second quarter of their 61-40 loss at the Centennial Cougars on Tuesday night, suffering their fourth loss in the last five games.

For the Cougars, Daniel Patton was unstoppable in the final three quarters, scoring a game-high 24 points after being shut out in the opening period, including finishing 8/8 from the free throw line. He was joined in double-figures by Ryland McKelvy who finished with 18 points with 13 of them coming in the second half alone.

For the Golden Eagles, only Jevon Lee reached double-figures scoring, finishing with a team-high 10 points. Idris Gray chipped in with nine points of his own, but it was the work done against Tae' Shawn Shelton, who finished with just three points, that powered the Cougars to the dominant win.

The game was actually tied up after the opening period at 9-9, but it was in the second quarter that the hometown Cougars began to pull away from Shelbyville.

Patton single-handedly outscored the Golden Eagles in the quarter, 9-8, as the Cougars scored 18 points as a team in the period to go into the halftime locker room with a 10-point lead, 27-17. Jevon Lee was aggressive, getting to the free throw line six times in the quarter, but he only managed to convert on two of his six attempts, finishing with a team-high four points in the period.

Coming out of the halftime locker room, it was more of the same for the Cougars as they outscored Shelbyville, 16-10, in the third quarter to take a commanding 43-27 lead into the final frame. Jordan Taylor, who was held scoreless in the first half, and Gray both finished with four points in the period, but McKelvy for Centennial led the pace with seven points to help fend off the Golden Eagles.

In the final frame, the Cougars outscored Shelbyville, 18-13, to take home the 21-point win, 61-40. McKelvy put in six points, but Patton led the way for both sides, finishing with 11 of his 24 points coming in the fourth quarter.

Centennial improves to 6-2 on the season.

Shelbyville Central falls to 5-4 overall, and will play on Monday, December 16, at Siegel, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 starting at 5:45 p.m.

New AD Leads Motlow Banquet-Fundraiser

MOTLOW RELEASE

LYNCHBURG, TN – On January 11, the Motlow State Athletics Department, led by Athletic Director Ross Fanning, will host the First Annual Bucks Benefit Dinner. The event will be in the Moore County campus's Nisbett Center from 5 to 8 pm and will feature a three-course meal, special guest speaker, and silent auction.

Items available in the silent auction include University of Tennessee and University of Alabama gear, NFL memorabilia, vacation packages, and local company merchandise. Motlow is excited to announce that Ron Polk will serve as the guest speaker. Polk is an NCAA baseball coach with a career spanning thirty years, most of which he has spent at Mississippi State University. He has over 1,300 wins to his name, more than any other coach in the Southeastern Conference. He is considered by many to be the Father of Southeastern Conference Baseball. This impressive career has led Polk to be added to the Georgia Southern University Hall of Fame; American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; State of Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame; Mississippi State Hall of Fame; National College Baseball Hall of Fame; and Phoenix, Arizona High School District Hall of Fame.

Funds from events like this one go toward equipment upgrades as well as comprehensive sports medicine and rehabilitation services to ensure that athletes have access to the best resources for peak performance. Table sponsorship is available at $450 per table, and individual tickets are available for $100. Those interested in attending the event and/or sponsoring a table can RSVP at rfanning@mscc.edu by January 2. Any business or individual in the community interested in supporting Motlow students is encouraged to attend.

Athletic Director Fanning added, "Thank you for investing in the future of our Motlow student athletes and community. Together, we can build championship-caliber programs focused on long-term growth and success."

Those who are unable to attend can support Motlow's student athletes by donating at Motlow.edu/give/athletics or by attending games. Visit motlowsports.com to see basketball, soccer, baseball, and soccer schedules.

"Every one of these young men will have a chance to impact our roster" - Mason Breaks Down 2025 Blue Raider Football "Draft Class"

BY MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, TN – The smile on the face of Derek Mason never wavered on National Signing Day.

Anyone who ran into the head coach in the hallway of Murphy Center on Wednesday would've seen the Middle Tennessee Football coach grinning from ear to ear most of the afternoon, as 16 future Blue Raiders signed their commitments to the program.

"We truly believe that every one of these young men will have a chance to impact our roster," Mason said. "Some earlier than others, but every one of them have the talent, the ability and, really, the skill set to really be dynamic players in Conference USA."

All 16 players (bios of which can be found here: http://GoBlueRaiders.com/NSD2025) excited Mason, the head coach said. But how did his staff center in on the class, one that Mason said was kept small by design and a desire not to reach for guys they felt wouldn't be able to impact the program. It started from the principles Mason set down when he was hired nearly a year to date from National Signing Day in 2023.

A Class that is Boro Built, soon to be Middle Made

From his introduction to the MTSU community in the atrium of the student union, Mason made it clear that in-state, high school recruiting was going to be a priority for his staff. With his strong mid-state connections forged over years at Vanderbilt, there was little doubt Mason, and his staff would compete in the growing recruiting hotbed of the Volunteer State. But saying that will be the focus and executing it and making it happen are different.

With 10 in-state recruits, including three from Rutherford County high schools, signed on Wednesday, there's no doubt where MTSU football's priorities lie in high school recruiting.

"That's us recruiting us," Mason said. "That's us being in our backyard, that's us being in our state, that's us trying to put arms around our borders."

The three Rutherford County products (Rockvale OL Bo Bryan, Blackman DL Archie Roseman V and Riverdale RB DJ Taylor) are well known to many in the area, but the Blue Raider staff worked all over the state, particularly in Middle Tennessee to bring in talent. Talent that's grown even better in the years Mason has spent in college football since he first arrived in Tennessee, the head coach said.

"The ball was getting better and better," Mason said. "I went out to watch high school football this year, and I was just amazed. I remember when I came here in 2014, I thought it was pretty good in their own pockets. Now I'm starting to see it everywhere, right? So, I think from top to bottom, you can go from Shelbyville to North Nashville, and you see lots of talent."

A recruiting philosophy manifested over a year

Mason highlighted four traits that he wanted this class to embody in his opening statement on Wednesday, priorities he laid out for the staff last January after everyone had been hired as a roadmap to evaluate talent. He wanted Blue Raider players of high character, particularly in their toughness mentally and physically. He wanted players with production, first and foremost, and then physical talent as well. And he wanted players that could help the team win right away.



Derek Mason (far right) facetimes a recruit on signing day. The Blue Raiders finished the 2024 cycle with the 120th ranked composite class in the country. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Both of MTSU's early enrollees are still playing high school ball this weekend. Sevier County offensive lineman Otto Janse Van Rensberg plays for a state title in the TSSAA 5A Championship on Friday. Quarterback Stanley Anderson-Lofton, from Dr. Phillips HS in Orlando, Fla. is in the semifinals of the Florida playoffs.

That's no accident, Mason said, pointing out many of MTSU's recruits played deep into November this fall.

"You want winners," Mason said. "You want guys, men who know how to play football, they understand what winning football looks like, because that's what you build off of young men who know how to dig deep and actually work hard."

The production, if you flip through these players' bios, is self-evident, and it's clear the group, as a whole, has physical traits to succeed. Just three of the 16 players measure shorter than six feet tall, for instance. When it came to assessing their character, Mason said that the four-to-five in-person contacts the staff was able to make with nearly every recruit (save for kicker Baylen Woodman, a late find out of Janesville, Wis.) led to plenty of time assessing their love of the game.

"When you come to college, it's going to be football, okay?" Mason said. "That's going to be a huge part of what you do. I know you. I know you can do the academics, but when we start talking football, I don't want to hear 'I don't quite get this.'"

Mason came away impressed with what this group can do on the white board breaking down concepts and formations, something that will help the group hit the ground running in their position rooms.

"I thought all these guys had high football IQ," Mason said. "That's the character piece to me. Because if you don't love football, then why are you here?"

And for helping the team win? Mason thinks the emphasis on scheme fit will be key.

"Look at the schemes, and can you see yourself playing in these schemes?" Mason said. "How are you going to impact this program? And I think part of that was a huge sell for these student athletes."

The next step: the free agency of the transfer portal

Mason referred to the signing class of 2025 as his program's 2025 Draft Class multiple times on Wednesday, a nod to how player recruitment and retention has changed in modern college football. Referring to the 16 players MTSU signed as the program's "first round draft picks", the program kept the theme going in their war room on Wednesday morning, putting draft cards of each athlete on the white board in the conference room to celebrate as each player signed.

Next up for the Blue Raiders, Mason said, was free agency, working in the transfer portal to fill immediate needs after a 3-9 season. Offensively, Mason said the Blue Raiders will look to bring in a few more dynamic receivers and tight ends, areas where the program had success this season with Omari Kelly and Holden Willis. But it all starts in the trenches.

"We need to go get offensive linemen, and we will," Mason said, before addressing the linemen in the portal directly. "If you're out there, I mean, you want to come play here. You want the opportunity to get the reps. You want the opportunity, man, to play with a really good quarterback. This is where you want to be."

Defensively, Mason said his staff plans to prioritize the edges of the defense, namely in getting pass rushing ends and outside backers in the box and defensive back talent on the perimeter.

"We're going to go get some corners, like on the edges, because I think we didn't set edges well enough," Mason said. "We didn't play well enough on the corners for our liking. So, we want older, more mature, productive players on the corners, in my mind."

Lady Champs Snap Three-Game Losing Streak In Home Win Against Eagleville

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BELL BUCKLE, TN – The Cascade Lady Champions got back to winning ways on Tuesday night, taking down the Eagleville Lady Eagles, 48-38, at The Stable, to snap a three-game losing streak.

Kaegan Young led the way for the Lady Champs, finishing with a team-high 12 points. Caroline Parker joined her in double-figures scoring with 11 points while Kaydence Miller connected on a trio of three-pointers to finish with nine points herself.

For Eagleville, Meah Thompson scored a game-high 17 points, including 16 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough in the end for the Lady Eagles. Rylee Warbritton chipped in with nine points for Eagleville, who were missing star forward Brinli Bain, and struggled offensively for the majority of the night.



Kaegan Young (22) lays in two of her team-high 12 points on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

The first half was a slog for both sides, as the first quarter finished tied at 8-8. Cascade would take the lead, 18-12, going into the halftime locker room thanks to a 7-1 run in the final three minutes of the first half.

Both teams began to wake up offensively coming out of the halftime locker room with the Lady Champs outscoring Eagleville, 17-16, in the third quarter to take a 35-28 lead going into the final frame. Meah Thompson got the scoring going for the Lady Eagles, scoring 12 of her 17 points in the third quarter alone, putting the backpack on for Eagleville to keep the visitors within striking distance.



Caroline Parker (2) drives to the basket for two of her 11 points in Tuesday's win. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

In the final frame, Cascade outscored the Lady Eagles, 13-10, to take home the 48-38 home win. Kaegan Young put in eight of her 12 points in the second half, including finishing a perfect 6/6 at the free throw line. Sophie Ray and Caroline Parker each scored six points in the second half as well to help put away the visiting Lady Eagles.

Eagleville falls to 5-3 on the year.

Cascade improves to 3-3 on the season after snapping their three-game losing streak. Their next game is scheduled for Friday vs Huntland at home, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 starting at 5:45 p.m.

Eagleville Pulls Away From Cascade In Second Half

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BELL BUCKLE, TN – The Cascade Champions held their own against the visiting Eagleville Eagles, but in the end the Class 1A State Tournament favorites pulled away to win, 68-56, on Tuesday night at The Stable.

Jackson Nichols led the way with 16 points, including 13 in the first half, as four Eagles finished the night in double-figures. Grey Barker, Owen McClaren, and James Bega finished the night with 15 points, 14 points, and 13 points, respectively, for Eagleville. All 14 of McClaren's points came in the second half.

For Cascade, Kaleb Kelso finished with a game-high 19 points, including 14 points in the second half. Henry Stone and Jason Cullum chipped in with 11 points apiece, but it wasn't enough to offset the shooting from Eagleville.

Cascade actually held a two-point lead, 14-12, at the end of the opening period. Nichols accounted for 10 of his team's 12 points as he connected on a pair of deep triples.



Jason Cullum (3) lays in two of his 11 points in Tuesday's loss. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Kaleb Kelso (5) finishes at the rim for two of his game-high 19 points on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

However, in the second quarter, Eagleville began to heat up offensively, outscoring Cascade, 18-8, in the period to take a 30-22 lead into the halftime locker room.

Eagleville continued their offensive onslaught in the third quarter, outscoring the Champions, 22-17, to take a 52-39 lead into the final frame.

Cascade threatened to cut into the lead, but the experienced Eagles, led by Head Coach Davy McClaren, were able to fend off any run from the hosts. Cascade actually ended up outscoring Eagleville, 17-16, in the fourth quarter, but in the end the Champs just couldn't string together enough consecutive stops to turn them into points.

Eagleville improves to 5-2 on the season.

Cascade falls to 5-4 overall, and they are scheduled to play on Friday at home against the Huntland Hornets, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 starting at 5:45 p.m.

Eaglettes Win By 23 At Centennial in Bounce-Back Performance

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FRANKLIN, TN – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes rebounded nicely after falling at Summit on Monday, beating the Centennial Lady Cougars, 55-21, on Tuesday night.

Kenley Patton, Janiya Leslie, and Lanaya Young all reached double-figures scoring with 12 points, 12 points, and 10 points, respectively. Jaz Western also chipped in with seven points of her own. As a team, Shelbyville got to the line 22 times, but only converted on nine of their attempts despite the 34-point win.

Shari Wiseman led the Lady Cougars in scoring with just seven points as the Eaglettes' defense took over the game in the second half, completely shutting down the Centennial offensive attack.

Shelbyville opened the game intent on attacking the basket, finishing the opening period with 10 free-throw attempts. Kenley Patton was 3/6 in the quarter, while Lanaya young and Janiya Leslie each went 1/2 at the charity stripe. Leslie also connected on a three-pointer, finishing the quarter with six of SCHS' 16 points. Wiseman connected on a three of her own in the quarter and also split a pair of free throws to finish the opening period with four of the Lady Cougars' seven points.

The Eaglettes continued to be aggressive on the offensive end, outsourcing Centennial, 13-10, in the second quarter. Patton led the way with seven points, including one three-pointer. Four different players connected on a field goal for the Lady Cougars, including Wiseman and Mabry Simmons each knocking down a three. Shelbyville went into the halftime locker room with a 29-17 lead.

In the third quarter, the Eaglettes completely stifled the Lady Cougars offensive attack, outscoring Centennial, 21-2, in the period. Western scored all seven of her points in the third quarter, and Young scored seven of her ten points in the third as well. Quincy Anderson was the only Lady Cougar to score in the second half, connecting on one two-point field goal in each quarter.

In the final frame, the Eaglettes put the finishing touches on their 55-21 victory, outsourcing Centennial, 5-2, in the fourth quarter.

Centennial falls to 1-7 on the season.

Shelbyville Central improves to 4-5 on the year, and will travel to Siegel on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.



A tribute to the late Charlie Swann: Unionville's 'Mr. Christmas'

Friends & family continue his holiday lights tradition

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This Christmas season, an empty rocker sits on the Swann family front porch in Unionville. It's fitting this time of the year that family and neighbors pause to remember Charlie Swann who used to fill his sprawling yard on Sub Station Road with an abundance of Christmas lights.

There's a special sign that now goes in the yard in memory of Charlie as he passed away in 2023. But all who knew and loved him are working to continue his holiday tradition.

Despite all that work, friends and family continue Charlie's legacy by displaying thousands of string lights and miniature Christmas trees. It was a given to also put up Charlie's favorite holiday inflatables like the large swan that sits in front of the festive country home.

While motoring down a quaint lane to the Swann home, the brilliance immediately begins to captivate the driver. The inflatables are easily seen from Highway 41A North and often people pull off the side of the highway onto Sub Station Road just to let their kiddos take it all in. No doubt, adults-like this writer-enjoy the lights as well.

For several years, the Swann home has been illuminated as well as the yard, fences and gates. Ann Gibson, Charlie's sister-in-law, has also decorated her yard with her own lights and inflatables again this season.

It all turns out in the end to be spectacular! Set to a beautiful country background, how could it not be, right?

Perhaps the late Charles "Charlie" Swann had a fondness for Christmas because he was born on Dec. 20, 1947. But family and friends like to remember him as one who truly enjoyed doing all that work to make other people happy.

Charlie was a Christian and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. So, serving others likely just came natural to the Bedford County man.

His wife of 34 years, Jana, said recently that she's not sure how long she'll continue the tradition. But kids have asked about the display so she's going to commit at least another year to the decorations.

"We used to decorate every room," Jana remembers fondly.

Ann understands her sister Jana's grief as she lost her own husband, Bill Gibson, on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023. Charlie died on the following Friday, the 17th. The ladies say they have no doubt that their husbands would be thrilled with this year's Christmas decor, mainly because of the love that's gone into it all.

Perhaps much can be learned from the life of Charles Swann? One thing is for certain, he could have easily been called "Mr. Christmas" in northern Bedford County, with all he did to bring a little happiness into the lives of others.

When talking about the joy that the decorations bring to others, Jana simply notes, "That is why we do it."

Charles "Charlie" Swann died at age 75, on February 17, 2023. Born in Davidson County, Charlie was a son of the late Charles Finley Swann, Sr. and Dorothy McCormick Swann. He was at the time of his passing a salesman with Nashville Equipment Co.-a job where he also made a lot of friends.

Charlie had several Model T cars, sharing that joy too with others. In addition, he had a niche for collecting vintage gasoline pumps.

He and Jana were members of Rover Baptist Church. She recalls how Charlie loved to sing there.

The couple's Christian faith is exemplified through their spiritual décor-each piece inside the home organized to create that perfect balance of ambiance.

The large fireplace includes lots of Jana's favorite Christmas collectibles. The living room-filled with everything from red ribbons to teddy bears-has that warm, fuzzy feeling of Christmas, well, almost as if Santa and Mrs. Claus live there.

Perhaps that's why children have for years loved the decorations.

Of course, there's an emptiness in that spacious living room now for those who so greatly miss Charlie. But with friends and family, they're all celebrating Christmas just as Charlie would have wanted-with continued joy.



Every year these sweet Christmas carolers light up the front porch to the Swann home as well as this light fixture.



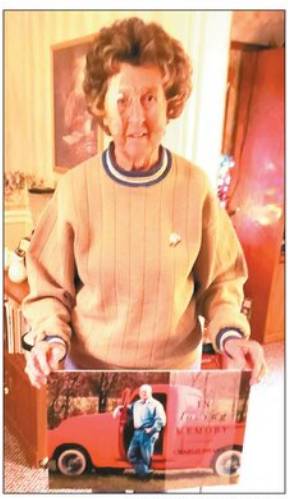
A garden gate is adorned with lots and lots of lights, illuminating the drive to the Swann country home.



Charlie Swann is remembered as making lots of people in Unionville and beyond smile with his numerous Christmas displays each year. He loved inflatables, like this Santa and Mrs. Claus, that now friends and family display in his memory.







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Jana Swann holds a sign with her husband Charlie's picture that goes in the yard now in his memory.


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